Energy Star External Power Supply Draft 1, Version 2.0 Intel Comments

Intel would like to offer the following comments on Draft 1, Version 2 of the Energy Star EPS specification

The new specification (like the older specification) defines the average of the efficiencies as being measured relative to the rated Pout (maximum rated power) at loads of 100%, 75%, 50% and 25%. We would like the average efficiency definition to match those used for internal desktop power supplies (average of 20%, 50% and 100%)

Table 1: It's not clear how the no-power overhead plays into the efficiency number in Table 1. It would be good to introduce the fact that the "real efficiency" needs to have the no-load wastage added to the "conversion efficiency". The 300mW no-load allowance for a 500mW charger either plays a huge role in the "average efficiency", or is not considered part of it at all. It's not clear which is the case. The role of the no-load allowance as a part of the definitions and the testing could be clearer.

For example, the following could be added:

Total power draw example: a 0.5W adapter must exhibit a conversion efficiency (see table 2) of 37%. In addition to the conversion efficiency, a static no-load consumption of 300mW is allowed (table 3). The maximum power consumption of such an adapter, providing 0.5W output would be 0.5W/37% + 300mW, or 1.65W. To evaluate compliance, the device must draw <1.65W averaged at power outputs of 500mW, 375mW, 250mW and 125mW.